

HOUSE BILL 277

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County and Prince George's County – Tax Sales – Auctioneers' Fees**

3 **Ho. Co. 4–10**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the fees auctioneers are allowed at tax sales in Howard
5 County and Prince George's County; and generally relating to tax sales in
6 Howard County and Prince George's County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Tax – Property
9 Section 14–813(e)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Tax – Property**

15 14–813.

16 (e) (1) The following expenses relating to the sale shall be allowed, all of
17 which are liens on the property to be sold:

18 (i) the expense of publication of all notices;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (ii) the cost of the county or municipal corporation surveyor's
2 description and plat, if necessary;

3 (iii) except as provided in items (vi) and (vii) of this paragraph, a
4 fee to the attorney representing the county treasurer for services, that does not exceed
5 \$15 for each property; except that in any county that has a paid full-time solicitor,
6 counsel or attorney, the fee shall be collected and paid into the general funds of the
7 county;

8 (iv) the auctioneer's fee, as provided in paragraph (2) of this
9 subsection;

10 (v) in Baltimore County, where provision has been made for the
11 posting of the premises to be sold, a sum that does not exceed \$7.50;

12 (vi) in Somerset County, Wicomico County and Worcester
13 County a fee to the attorney representing the county treasurer or director of finance,
14 that does not exceed \$35 for each property, to be approved by the county treasurer or
15 director of finance and by the governing body;

16 (vii) in Baltimore City:

17 1. a fee of \$30 for each property to the attorney
18 representing the director of finance, that is collected and paid into the General Fund of
19 Baltimore City; and

20 2. a fee that does not exceed \$10 for the mailing of
21 statements and notices;

22 (viii) in Montgomery County, instead of the fee allowed under
23 item (iii) of this paragraph, a fee that does not exceed \$30 for each property for legal
24 services relating to the sale, to be collected and paid into the general funds of the
25 county; and

26 (ix) a reasonable fee that does not exceed \$150 for examinations
27 of title before the mailing of statements and notices.

28 (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection
29 shall be:

30 (i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County,
31 Cecil County, Dorchester County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, Kent County, **PRINCE**
32 **GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Talbot County,
33 Wicomico County, or Worcester County:

1 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an
2 amount not to exceed \$10; and

3 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for
4 each property sold;

5 (ii) in Dorchester County, \$10 for each property sold, but in no
6 event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50 a day or greater than \$200 a day;

7 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each
8 property sold;

9 (iv) in Cecil County and Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each
10 property sold;

11 (v) in Somerset County and Wicomico County, \$8 for each
12 property sold;

13 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold
14 or \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold;

15 (vii) in Baltimore City:

16 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an
17 amount not to exceed \$10;

18 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for
19 each property sold; and

20 3. in an electronic sale, an amount not to exceed \$10 for
21 each property sold;

22 (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County
23 Commissioners; and

24 (ix) in Caroline County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, **PRINCE**
25 **GEORGE'S COUNTY**, and Talbot County, \$10 for each property sold.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2010.